

Appl. No. 09/473,575
Amdt. dated May 24, 2004
Reply to Office Action of February 12, 2004

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2004 and in view of a telephonic interview with the Examiner on May 24, 2004.

Applicant has cancelled claims 62-63, 84-85, and 91-92, and amended claims 65, 86, and 93. Claims 65, 67-70 and 86-90, and 93-97 remain pending in this application.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

On May 24, 2004, Examiner L. Vo telephoned the applicant to advise that additional prior art had been found that the Examiner considered relevant to the claims as amended by the applicant. The Examiner cited Genusov et al., column 6, lines 43-45, column 6, line 55, through column 7, line 11, and column 20, lines 13-22. The Examiner stated that claims 65, 86, and 93 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant agreed to so rewrite the claims.

The Examiner also asked that the language "a one of the plurality of threads" in claims 64, 85, and 92 be amended to --one of the plurality of threads-- to improve the clarity of the claims. Applicant agreed to so amend the claims.

Conclusion

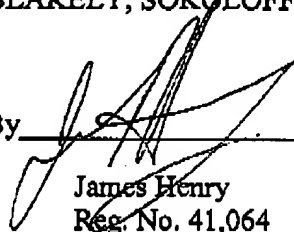
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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